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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims 3 and 4 as set forth below in marked-up form:

1. (Original) A gain-controlled amplifier, characterized by comprising:

a plurality of differential amplifier stages connected to each other by cascade connection, each of said differential amplifier stages performing gain control by a gain control voltage;

a plurality of common feedback circuits provided correspondingly to each of said plurality of differential amplifier stages, each of said common feedback circuits keeping a center value of an output DC of each of said differential amplifier stages to be constant; and

a DC feedback circuit provided between an output side of a last stage of said plurality of differential amplifier stages and an input side of a first stage of said differential amplifier stages, said DC feedback circuit changing a DC feedback quantity according to said gain control voltage.

- 2. (Original) The gain-controlled amplifier according to claim 1, characterized in that each of said plurality of differential amplifier stages comprises:
 - a differential amplifier in which a gain is changed according to said gain control voltage;
- a first current source in which a current value is changed according to said gain control voltage; and
- a Gilbert cell circuit provided between a load side of said differential amplifier and a power source, said Gilbert cell including a second current source constituting a current mirror with said first current source.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The gain-controlled amplifier according to claim 1, characterized in that each of said plurality of common feedback circuits comprises:
- a first difference <u>circuit</u> for outputting a difference of each positive phase output of said plurality of differential amplifier stages to a predetermined reference voltage;
- a second difference eireuits circuit for outputting a difference of each opposite phase output of said plurality of differential amplifier stages to said predetermined reference voltage; and

an adder for adding each difference output of said first difference circuit and said second difference circuit;

wherein a current value of a current source constituting each stage of said plurality of difference amplifier stages is controlled by an added output of said adder.

4. (Currently Amended) The gain-controlled amplifier according to claim 1, characterized in that said DC feedback circuit comprises:

a detector circuit for detecting an output voltage at a last stage of said plurality of differential amplifier stages; and

a variable gain amplifier for amplifying an output of said detector circuit by a gain in accordance with said gain control voltage;

wherein an output of said variable gain amplifier is added to an input of a first stage of said plurality of difference differential amplifier stages.

5. (Original) A receiver circuit, characterized by comprising a gain-controlled amplifier for adjusting an amplitude of a signal obtained by performing a frequency conversion of a received signal, wherein said gain-controlled amplifier has:

a plurality of differential amplifier stages connected to each other by cascade connection, each of said differential amplifier stages performing gain control by a gain control voltage;

a plurality of common feedback circuits provided correspondingly to each of said plurality of differential amplifier stages, each of said common feedback circuits keeping a center value of an output DC of each of the differential amplifier stages to be constant; and

a DC feedback circuit provided between an output side of a last stage of said plurality of differential amplifier stages and an input side of a first stage of said differential amplifier stages, the DC feedback circuit changing a DC feedback quantity according to said gain control voltage.

6. (Original) A radio communication device, characterized by comprising: an antenna;

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frequency converting means for performing a frequency conversion of a high frequency signal received by said antenna; and

a gain-controlled amplifier for adjusting an amplitude of a signal obtained by performing the frequency conversion of a received signal;

wherein said gain-controlled amplifier has:

a plurality of differential amplifier stages connected to each other by cascade connection, each of said differential amplifier stages performing gain control by a gain control voltage;

a plurality of common feedback circuits provided correspondingly to each of said plurality of differential amplifier stages, each of said common feedback circuits keeping a center value of an output DC of each of said differential amplifier stages to be constant; and a DC feedback circuit provided between an output side of a last stage of said plurality of differential amplifier stages and an input side of a first stage of said differential amplifier stages, said DC feedback circuit changing a DC feedback quantity according to said gain control voltage.